

## Cova Case Study Report 1 April To 31<sup>st</sup> March 2019

### Case Study

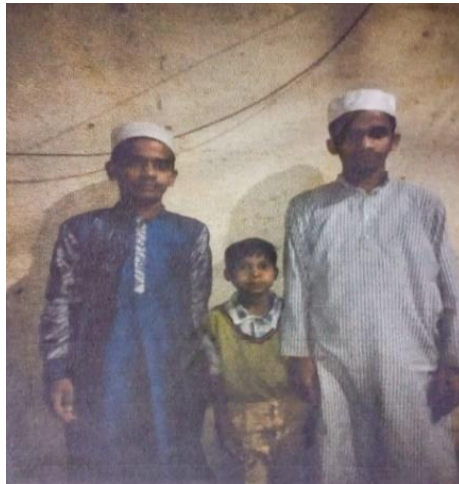
#### Topic: Fake News

**Syed Abdul Muqtadir Quadri and Syed Mohd Najam,**

**Uddin Quadri MS Creative School for Boys**

While almost all the teams from different schools had done a wonderful job of understanding Fake News, its types, how it was being spread and steps to counter fake news, Syed Abdul Muqtadir Quadri and Syed Mohd Najam Uddin Quadri from the MS Creative School went an extra mile to find out some of the incidents of Fake News and fraudulent messages being spread in their locality and bust them.

1. When they came across a WhatsApp forward from a group named “Zebra” about a child Mir Ashraf Ali being kidnapped from ‘Talabkatta’, they went on to find the source of the original message, and found out the address of the alleged victim after 5 hours of search, visited his house, only to find the child at home having a whale of time with his family. When students told Mir Meraj Ali the father of the child and his family about the fake news, they reported this to the police.

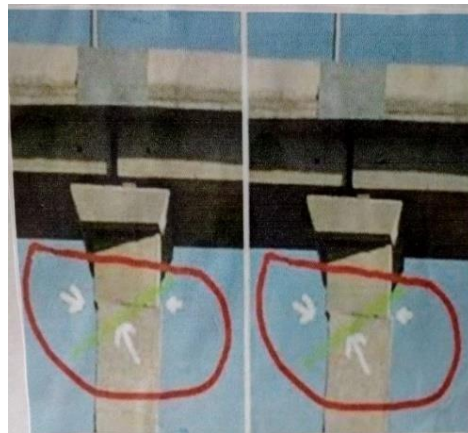


*Students with Mir Ashraf Ali, the child.*



*Mir Ashraf Ali with his father Mir Meraj Ali.*

2. When the boys came across the fake news of cracks being seen on the newly constructed Metro rail pillar, they personally spent many hours to check each and every pillar to bust the hoax.



*FAKE Photo of Hyderabad Metro Rail pillar showing cracks and the students on field investigation to check if the cracks are real.*

## Case Study: From Disappointment to Hope: Enabling Poor Students to Secure Government Scholarships

**Mohd. Abdul Ahad** applied for the scholarship last year in 2017-18 through his school in National Scholarship didn't get any scholarship because of uploading the wrong documents. But in 2018-19 COVA facilitated the online uploading of his scholarship form on the National Scholarships Portal free of charge and followed up with the authorities. His application is approved and he received Rs: 5600/- of scholarship amount to his bank account. Abdul with the scholarship amount from the government paid his school fees and got some stationary and books for his school.

Mohd. Abdul is a student of the 8th standard at St. Stephen's High School at Faluknuma, Hyderabad. Abdul's father works in Dubai where the less amount of money by doing menial jobs.



**Ghosia Sarwat's** father Md. Saleem works at the printing press for the daily district paper 'VIKAAS' and earns meager amount. When Md. Saleem applied for the scholarship for his younger daughter in the National Scholarship Portal last year, it was rejected because of some errors. Ghosia Sarwat is a student of the 7th standard at St. Stephen's High School at Faluknuma, Hyderabad.

But in 2018-19 COVA facilitated the online uploading of Ghosia's scholarship form on the National Scholarships Portal free of charge and followed up with the authorities. Her application is approved and she received Rs: 5600/- of scholarship amount to her bank account. Ghosia with the scholarship amount from the government paid her school fees. Ghosia's father who earns less money was happy that the government approved the release of the scholarship for his daughter. He says **“the burden is less on me if the government and COVA help my daughter for education in future”**.

## Case Studies: Financial Inclusion

The loan amount of Rs: 50,000/- which **Anand Biradar** took in December 2018 was spent on rations, cylinder and on expanding his business space by taking a small shop on rent to enable his costumers to sit and eat. Anand says that **“Because of the investment I could earn more money on my business since I am accommodating more people to sit and eat food.”** He also says that he could contribute more money to his joint family since he is earning more. Anand Biradar was born in 1958 is a resident of Dhoolpet, he started Pani Puri eatery business at Puranapool in the year 2000 with basic investment and facilities. COVA facilitated a loan to Anand through SBI in 2016 and then again in 2018 because of his regular repayment of installments. In 2016 the first loan amount of Rs: 15,000/- which he got was spent on replacing his old Pani Puri vehicle.



Mazher Hussain, Exeective Director COVA,  
Giving Orientation About How To Access Bank  
Loans at Barkas

**Manjula Raikot.** 44 years, obtained loans three times from SBI through COVA since 2015. The first loan was for Rs: 15,000/- and due to regular repayments the bank sanctioned two more loans of Rs. 30,000 in the following years. With the loan money they expanded the business. Her recent loan amount of Rs: 30,000/- is also invested in bringing more footwear brands from the market to sell in their shop because the handmade footwear what they make wear not sold much.



**R .Manjula, Of Hussainialam Receiving Loan Sanction Letter of Rs. 30,000 From SBI Ladies Branch Charminar to Develop Her Footwear Shop.**

Manjula says **“If we take money from the money lenders they charge a lot of interest, but when we take bank loan the interest rate is very low which is helping us to save some money for the household and for the education of my 3 children.”**



**Revuri Vinod Kumar** is an enthusiastic businessperson and he has been trying for a bank loan from last 1 and ½ year to buy more raw material and expand his Kirana and General Store but he failed in availing loan, but now with COVA's facilitation he got bank loan sanctioned. Before Vinod used to take raw material like oil and rice from wholesale shops and used to pay money later after he sold what he took from them, now after he was sanctioned a loan of Rs: 50,000/- from SBI bank in December 2018, he is buying raw material with the net amount and also expanded his business. Vinod is planning to apply for the loan again as soon as he completes the repayment. Vinod was born in 1971 is a resident of Puranapool and runs his Kirana and General Store business in the same location.



## Project Works Case Studies:

### Topic: Government Hospitals

#### Zabiullah and Md Saifullah from MS Creative High School



*Students cleaning premises of Osmania General Hospital and spreading awareness about Hygiene to patients through Posters.*

‘The action was required, and we did it with immediate effect’ says Zabiullah and Md Saifullah from MS Creative School. Students as part of the 14th Project works program worked on the topic of government hospitals. The boys went to Osmania General hospital and found that the place was overcrowded and the premises very unhygienic. They also found that patients and their attendants were finding it difficult to access information about where the facilities are. This motivated the students to do something about the situation and contribute in their own little way to change. They began with buying a couple of face masks, some bleaching powder, some floor cleaner, and dustbins. They picked up the trash in some of the common areas, cleaned the floors, put some disinfectant and put up dustbins in the area for the public to use. In order to bring in the behavioral change, they made posters on not spitting and keeping the surroundings clean and put up in the areas where there was a lot of littering and spitting. Later, they tied a couple of ropes at places that were prone to crowding to make sure people follow a Queue. The students are visiting the hospital once every week and repeat the same.

## Topic: Fake News

### Syeda and Qhatibha from Gyan High School

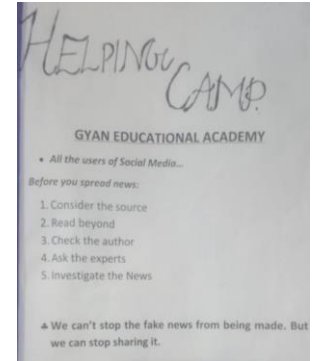
Students after completing their systemic study on Fake News issue came up with ‘**Helping Camp**’, an initiative to spread awareness about the issue of Fake News and restrict its reach. Syeda and Qhatibha students of Gyan Educational Academy made pamphlets and distributed among students and people in Jahangirabad area. ‘**We told them to be Alert**’ students said while explaining the ill-effects of fake news.

For awareness through social media, students sent the message to their friends and relatives which says:

**All the Users of Social media before you spread a piece of news.**

- 1) Consider the source
- 2) Read beyond
- 3) Check the author
- 4) Ask experts
- 5) Investigate the News.

**We can’t stop fake news from being made. But we can stop sharing it.**





## Topic: Child Safety

### Iqra and Urooj from Alfaz International High School

Working on the topic of Child Safety, students of Alfaz International School visited Government Schools and interviewed School principals and teachers to check the safety measures implemented and adopted by them. They found out that strict rules for visitors and precautions for the unexpected event are in place as per the guidelines of the schools, but have not been really discussed in the classroom. Therefore, the students came up with Awareness Campaign, where they visited Florida school and Anwar-Ul- Islam and held a session to create awareness with the help of Posters on topics like:

Good Touch Bad touch, Road Accidents, Emotional Abuse, Heavy School Bags, Corporal punishment, Contaminated Water, Dirty Toilets, Child Road Accidents, Bullying and kidnapping, Molestation of Girls and Child Abuse that children can be exposed to.



*Iqra and Urooj from Alfaz International school during their awareness campaign on Child Safety in Florida school and Anwar-Ul-Islam school.*

## Case Study: Adopt a Destitute Refugee Program

### **Zulekha Khatoon, one of the benefactors of the Adopt a Destitute Refugee Program.**

Zulekha Khatoon, a widowed Rohingya Refugee of 48 years, came to Hyderabad in 2014, with her son Mohd. Yaseen and his wife Mariyam Khatoon who have five children. Because of constant domestic quarrels with her daughter in law, she is forced to stay alone and her son is able to provide very little support that is not enough for her survival.

Now, with 'Adopt a Destitute Refugee Family Program' facilitated by COVA with support from Individual Donors, Zulekha, does not have to worry about her daily bread and is saved from recurring periods of starvation.

